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1. The reply filed 01/22/2007 has been noted and entered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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